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Annual Parish Meeting and AGM

Meeting held on Thursday 24 May 2018

The Lamb Inn, Crawley

In Attendance: Colin Dingwall (CD) Councillor & Chair
Margaret Cooper (MC) Treasurer
Paul Lay (PL) Councillor
Mark McCappin (MM) Councillor
Joanne Butler Parker (JBP) Parish Clerk
Kieran Mullins (KM) District Councillor

Apologies: Sue Bremner-Milne

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Sue Bremner-Milne

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meetings dated 22 March 2017 were approved after an amendment to 5.1 balance in bank account should have read £3300.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

Matters Arising

CD to speak with the Listed Building Officer regarding the state of repair of the bridge.

CD

3. **Re-election of Chair**

PL took the chair and nominated CD to continue as Chair of Crawley Parish Council. This was endorsed by all members. With no objections CD was duly re-elected Chair.

4. **Treasurer's Annual Report**

- £3158.59 is the balance in the bank, which doesn't allow enough to carry out any major projects.
- Grass cutting costs £900pa which includes 5 cuts of the verges and the war memorial, pub bank and church yard as and when needed. This is the largest expense of the PC.

- We receive a grant of £351pa from the County Council for grass cutting, although it is anticipated this will cease next year.
- Fireworks – CPC order the fireworks, but the Crawley Social Committee reimburse us for the costs.
- The final accounts were duly signed off and will now be sent to the auditor.
- Electors rights will be published.
- CD requested that extending the remit of the grass cutting should be discussed at the next meeting.

MC

JBP

5. Co-Opt of New Parish Councillor

- It was noted that Sue Bremner-Milne was now fully co-opted onto CPC.
- As no election request was received by West Oxfordshire District Council by the deadline of Tuesday 27 March (i) Mr Tony Connell be co-opted as a member of the council with effect from 26 May 2018.

6. District Report – Kieran Mullins

- I. Kieran has now completed one year in the role.
- II. It has been a busy year with shared services and the move to Publica Group.
- III. Local Plan – Malcolm Rivett has been appointed as examiner of Local Plan. However, it has now been decided that a European Court Directive will halt proceedings whilst this criteria is looked at. This was greeted with disappointment by members as yet another delay and expense. We advised KM that we do not want them to look at the EU Directive and that this should be fed back accordingly.

KM

7. South Central Ambulance Service Demonstration

Paul Rhys and Phil Simmonds gave a talk and demonstration on the use of the defibrillator held at The Lamb. Thanks were given and CD asked that it should be on the agenda at our next meeting to discuss giving a donation to the service.

JBP

8. AOB

Peacocks – The peacocks held in the village were discussed. It was advised that residents who are disturbed by the noise should contact Kieran Mullins to see if he can advise the owners to provide somewhere for the birds to roost.

9. Date of next meeting

21 June
20 September
13 December